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"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 2-53m of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 (a) The [select] joint standing committee of the General Assembly
6 having cognizance of matters relating to children, in consultation with
7 the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the Office of Legislative Research and the
8 Commission on Children, shall maintain an annual report card that
9 evaluates the progress of state policies and programs in promoting the
10 result that all Connecticut children grow up in a stable living
11 environment, safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives. Progress
12 shall be measured by primary indicators of progress, including, but
13 not limited to, indicators established in the final report of the
14 Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, prepared
15 pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of public act 09-166, of state-

16 wide rates of child abuse, child poverty, low birth weight [,] and third
17 grade reading proficiency, the United Nations Convention on the
18 Rights of the Child, and the annual social health index developed
19 pursuant to section 46a-131a. For each indicator, the data shall also be
20 presented according to ethnicity or race, gender, geography and,
21 where appropriate, age and other relevant characteristics. Said
22 committee shall prepare the report card on or before January 15, 2012,
23 and annually thereafter. On or before January 15, 2012, and annually
24 thereafter, said committee shall make the report card available to the
25 public on the Internet and on the web site of the General Assembly and
26 shall transmit the report card electronically to (1) members of the joint
27 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
28 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
29 and human services, (2) the Commissioners of Children and Families,
30 Education and Public Health, (3) the Child Advocate, (4) the Secretary
31 of the Office of Policy and Management, and (5) the Chief Court
32 Administrator.

33 (b) On or before January 15, 2012, the [select] joint standing
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to children, in consultation with a working group of
36 representatives of state agencies and departments, community
37 organizations, private provider agencies operating programs that
38 impact the well-being of children and families, parents and other
39 caretakers of children, child advocacy organizations, health care
40 professionals that serve children and families, schools, and child care
41 providers, shall identify or develop (1) an indicator for measuring
42 whether children are living with their families and have stability in
43 their living environments, (2) secondary indicators for measuring
44 progress within each area of children's well-being [related to
45 measuring progress in their] outlined in the United Nations
46 Convention on the Rights of the Child, including, but not limited to,
47 health, safety, stability, education, food security and future success,
48 [including, but not limited to, food security,] and (3) key measures of
49 performance of the state child welfare system, including, but not

50 limited to, (A) rates of repeat maltreatment among victims of child
 51 abuse and neglect; (B) placement in out-of-home care among children
 52 at risk of abuse and neglect; (C) child fatalities involving child abuse or
 53 neglect; (D) rates of reunification and permanency for children
 54 removed from their homes; and (E) the developmental and health
 55 status and educational progress of children served by the child welfare
 56 system and other appropriate measures of well-being and preparation
 57 for success in life. Not less than annually, said committee shall: (i) With
 58 the assistance of the working group, review the adequacy of primary
 59 and secondary indicators, system-level performance measures, and
 60 related data resources for such indicators and measures, and
 61 determine whether there are more appropriate alternatives to
 62 monitoring progress in achieving the result that all Connecticut
 63 children grow up in a stable living environment, safe, healthy and
 64 ready to lead successful lives, and (ii) in consultation with the results-
 65 based accountability subcommittee of the joint standing committee of
 66 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 67 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, identify programs
 68 within the child welfare system that make a significant contribution to
 69 achieving such result and require the entities administering such
 70 programs to prepare annual report cards employing the results-based
 71 format developed by said subcommittee.

72 (c) For purposes of this section, the "United Nations Convention on
 73 the Rights of the Child" means the convention adopted by the United
 74 Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989, since ratified by one
 75 hundred ninety-three nations, that represents the first international
 76 instrument to address the civil, political, economic, social and cultural
 77 rights of children."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	2-53m